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## DLNR COMPLETES DIAMOND HEAD SUMMIT TRAIL IMPROVEMENTS

HONOLULU -- The Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) will resume normal hours for the Diamond Head State Monument summit trail on Saturday, February 19, after completing a multimonth trail repair project that required partial closures. The trail will again be open to hikers daily, from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.

This concludes the second phase of planned improvements to the historic summit trail at Diamond Head State Monument. Repairs and trail surfacing were completed to sections of the summit trail and vertical rock faces along portions of the trail that were impacted by erosion and heavy use by an average of more than 2,500 visitors per day.

Anchoring to stabilize areas along the trail with rockfall potential was also done, as well as drainage improvements to help mitigate erosion and direct any water off the trail.

Meanwhile, the Division of State Parks has begun a third phase of summit trail improvements. Repair is being done to a lookout area at the base of the long stairway, which will be followed by construction of a new summit loop trail and repairs to the narrow ledge where hikers exit the fire control station at the summit. At present no trail closures are yet required.

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